have been developed into two model clusters containing temporary shelters for Kashmiri migrants, where the Kashmiri migrants displaced from these places could be settled temporarily, till such time they can repair their existing residential houses. The State Government have constructed 18 flats at Mattan and 100 one-room tenements at Kheer Bhavani.

(c) The Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Government of Assam and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with aim of putting in place effective measures for providing security to vulnerable Hindi speaking persons in the State. Steps taken in this regard include *inter alia* deployment of Central Security Forces, including the Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, strengthening and modernization of local police, reimbursement of security related expenditure, etc. *Ex-gratia* grant is given by the State Government to the next of kin of the persons killed in the violence.

Energy from urban wastes

2840. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Accelerated Programme on Energy Recovery from urban wastes;

(b) whether any project has been undertaken under this programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that production of 2,000 MW of power has been targeted for 2006-07 under this programme; and

(e) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The main objectives of the Programme are to promote setting up of projects for recovery of energy from urban wastes; creation of conducive conditions and environment including fiscal and financial regime to develop and demonstrate projects for recovery of energy from wastes; and, harnessing of the available potential.

(b) and (c) No projects have so far been set up under the Accelerated Programme since its commencement in July, 2005.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Celebration of Akshay Urja Diwas

2841. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently celebrated Akshay Urja Diwas on 20th August, 2007, highlighting through newspaper advertisements the renewable energy programmes and plans and some minor activities;

(b) whether it is a fact that advertisements all over the country were given on that day;

(c) whether the cost of advertisements totalled over Rs. 50 crore;

(d) if not, the approximate cost of all media advertisements given on that day; and

(e) the steps proposed to advertise less and invest the funds in solar pumps, wind energy and seminars in small and intermediate towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas was celebrated all over the country on 20th August, 2007. Events such as runs, rallies, exhibitions, quiz, essay writing, posters making competitions etc. on renewable energy are organised in all State capitals, districts and blocks with larger participation of school children and college students to create awareness about renewable energy.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The cost of advertisement for 20th August, 2007 is about Rs. 1.15 crore only.

(e) Dissemination of information and publicity plays an important role in creating awareness about the need, benefits and uses of renewable energy in our day to day life. Renewable energy is the key to deal with the emerging problems of environmental pollution, global warming and climate change besides meeting our energy needs. Expenditure incurred on advertisements on 20.8.2007 is less than one per cent of budget provision of the Ministry.

Funds for wind, solar and hybrid system in Chhattisgarh

†2842. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Chhattishgarh regarding release of funds for wind, solar and hybrid system and its propagation in the unelectrified villages;

(b) if so, the present status thereof; and

(c) by when the funds would be released, if not released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Chhattishgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA), Raipur has sent a few preliminary proposals for financial support under the scheme of Small Wind Energy and Hybrid Systems Programme.

(b) and (c) Additional information has been sought from CREDA, Raipur for providing Central Financial Assistance as per provisions of the scheme.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.